

WEST LAFAYETTE TRAFFIC COMMISSION

WEST LAFAYETTE CITY BUILDING

WEST LAFAYETTE, INDIANA

TIME: 5:00 pm, Tuesday, May 19th, 2015

PLACE: Morton Community Center

PRESENT:	Dave Buck	Vicki Burch	Karen O'Farrell
	Doug Payne	Carrie Ehresman	
	Andrew Hirsch	Jim Knapp	
	Kumares Sinha	Boudewijn van Gelder	

VISITORS:	Erin Cooper	Ed Garrison	Michael Susong
	Ann Hunt	Ryan Harber	

Chairman Sinha brought the meeting to order at 5:04pm and determined there was a quorum.

Ms. Burch made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 20, 2015 meeting. Mr. Andrew Hirsch seconded the motion and the minutes were approved as written.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Ryan Harber, who lives at 609 Elm Street, was also present and stated that he has noticed excessive speeding on Elm Street and suggested that the city install stop signs and speed limit signs. Currently, there are no stop signs or speed limit signs on Elm Street. Mr. Harber also stated that he is concerned that when the Lindberg Road construction starts, Elm Street will be a prime street to use as a detour and without the appropriate signage, it could become a dangerous area for pedestrians.

Ms. Burch suggested that the city install speed limit signage as well as ask the Police Department to put up a message board so the drivers know how fast they are going.

Mr. Payne stated that with the Lindberg Road construction in the near future, now might be a good opportunity to address some of these issues.

Mr. Buck then stated that the city has done minor repairs to the sidewalk on Elm Street over the years, and stated that if there are other issues as well as the suggestions made by Mr. Harber that the city could eventually program a larger project, and then Elm Street could serve

as a detour route for pedestrians while Lindberg Road is under construction. Mr. Buck stated that the Engineering Department would take this concern under consideration in the design stages of Lindberg Road.

OLD BUSINESS:

Project Updates:

Cumberland Avenue:

Mr. Buck stated that the contractor is currently paving the final sequence of paving operations on Cumberland Avenue. After pavement work is complete, work will begin at the intersection of Cumberland Avenue and Salisbury Street. This work will include the closure of Cumberland Avenue at Salisbury Street on the east and west approaches of the intersection. Work on the intersection is scheduled to start June 1st. Completion is scheduled for mid-August when school starts.

Happy Hollow Road:

Mr. Buck stated that construction is underway and the intersection of River Road and Happy Hollow Road will be closed for reconstruction on June 1st. The intersection is scheduled to take about six weeks to complete and should be back open mid-July. You can find a copy of the official detour map on the city website at www.westlafayette.in.gov under Engineering Projects. After the intersection is complete, work on the main line will become the focus and traffic will be one way southbound on Happy Hollow Road. This project is scheduled to be completed in October of 2016.

Northwestern Avenue Phase 4:

Mr. Buck stated that the construction will be on Northwestern Avenue from North Street to Grant Street. The contractor will be installing a new signal at the intersection of Grant Street and Northwestern Avenue as well as new railing, curbs, ramps, and pedestrian crosswalks. The intersection of Northwestern Avenue and Grant Street will also have an all red pedestrian phase like Stadium Avenue. This project is scheduled to be completed fall of 2015.

Parking in Sunset Ridge Subdivision:

Professor van Gelder asked if the city had made any progress on the parking issues that were discussed at the January traffic commission meeting to which Mr. Buck replied that at this time the city attorney has not made any progress on the possibility of amending the ordinance. Mr. Buck stated that he would talk to the city attorney and see what steps the city would need to take to move forward.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Andrew Hirsch stated that he would like to compliment the city on the installation of the sidewalks on the east side of Ravinia Street.

With no other business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned.

2015 MEETING INFORMATION:

- 5:00 pm, Tuesday, July 21 2015, West Lafayette Public Library, Walnut Room.
- 5:00 pm, Tuesday, September 15 2015, West Lafayette Public Library, Walnut Room.
- 5:00 pm, Tuesday, November 17 2015, West Lafayette Public Library, Walnut Room.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "D.M. Buck". The signature is stylized with a large "D" and "M" and a smaller "Buck" written in a cursive-like font.

David M. Buck, P.E.
Public Works Director

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